

MOVING FORWARD WHILE RESPECTING AND LEARNING FROM OUR HISTORY

Regular readers of *Hindsight: Journal of Optometry History* will recognize the change in the design for this issue. This is the first issue in the 48 year history of the Optometric Historical Society (OHS) that its quarterly publication has not been printed on the Indiana University campus in Bloomington. This issue is being printed at the American Optometric Association headquarters in St. Louis overseen by Kirsten Hébert, who as Heritage Services Specialist for the Archives and Museum of Optometry of Optometry Cares, is an energetic and enthusiastic advocate and contributor for OHS activities. The new cover was designed by Chris Martin, the Graphics Specialist for the American Optometric Association. The cover retains an element of seafoam green, the color of optometry and the color of the hoods received at the graduation ceremony for optometry students completing their education.

Soon after Maria Dablemont and Henry Hofstetter initiated the formation of the OHS, its first Newsletter of the Optometric Historical Society was published in January 1970. The title of the periodical was changed to *Hindsight* in 1992 while retaining its newsletter form. It was changed to *Hindsight: Journal of Optometry History* starting with the January 2007 issue. The OHS publication now has accumulated more than 3,100 pages of information on optometry history, a truly remarkable compendium

documenting the centuries-long existence of our profession, including its transitions from spectacle making to refracting opticianry to doctors of optometry to applications of new devices, new treatments, and new technologies. Henry Hofstetter, OD, PhD served as the first president of OHS, the first editor of the Newsletter, and the primary contributor to the Newsletter and *Hindsight* for over 25 years. Optometric historians owe him a great debt.

While we are moving *Hindsight* forward, hopefully we are respecting and learning from its history. There have been more changes in *Hindsight* in the past ten years than in the previous 38 years. These changes have included shift to journal format, use of color photographs, digitization of all issues back to volume 1, number 1, and deposit of them in the online repository IUScholarWorks, online publication of current issues, and introduction of refereeing of submitted papers. These changes would not have been possible without the support of the OHS Board/Advisory Committee and especially its presidents over the past ten years: Melvin Wolfberg, Irving Bennett, John Amos, and Ron Ferrucci. We hope that you the readers like these changes. Please feel free to send in your feedback.

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